

HB2 LANGUAGE PROPOSED FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Narrative in italics explains the purpose for the language.

1. Section 20-15-310 requires the appropriations act appropriating funds to the community colleges to include the variable cost of education and the state percent share of the cost of education

The variable cost of education for each full-time equivalent student at the community colleges is \$2,314 each year of the 2015 biennium. The general fund appropriation for OCHE--Community College Assistance (04) provides 50.8% of the fixed costs of education plus 50.8% of the variable cost of education for each full-time equivalent student in each year of the 2015 biennium. The remaining percentage of the budget must be paid from funds other than those appropriated for OCHE--Community College Assistance

2. Enrollment reversion language

The general fund appropriation for OCHE -- Community College Assistance is calculated to fund education in the community colleges for an estimated 2,288 resident FTE students each year of the 2015 biennium. If total resident FTE student enrollment in the community colleges is greater than the estimated number for the biennium, the community colleges shall serve the additional students without a state general fund contribution. If actual resident FTE student enrollment is less than the estimated numbers for the biennium, the community colleges shall revert general fund money to the state in accordance with 17-7-142.

3. Legislative audit cost

Total audit costs are estimated to be \$145,378 for the community colleges for the biennium. The general fund appropriation for each community college provides 50.8% of the total audit costs in the 2015 biennium. The remaining 49.2% of these costs must be paid from funds other than those appropriated for OCHE -- Community College Assistance -- Legislative Audit. Audit costs charged to the community colleges for the biennium may not exceed \$55,000 for Dawson, \$44,520 for Miles and \$45,858 for Flathead Valley community colleges.